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of the other county, with the efforts of the State Troopers, standing between the two, rendered abortive.

Mrs. Hall and her family cannot longer maintain silence. To do so would be tacitly to admit the false accusations levelled against her and them. Mrs. Hall, her brothers and all her relatives are now and have been from the beginning desirous of submitting to every test of their complete innocence which a thoroughly comprehensive, intelligent and coherent investigation demands. But if the investigation is to continue in the hands of officials who cause an arrest for murder upon the accusation of an admittedly irresponsible person and then state that they are not interested in whether the accusation is or is not true, neither Mrs. Hall nor anyone else is free from the menace of official hysteria <sup>and</sup> tyranny.

It is not pleasant for me to write as I have, for New Jersey is my own native State and I share with Your Excellency the deepest respect for the traditional integrity of its institutions of government. I cannot, without protest, see their integrity debased. I respectfully request therefore that, as Governor of the State, you take such action at once as may be necessary to cause the conduct of this investigation to be under the exclusive authority and jurisdiction of a competent and fearless officer of the State who will not be subject to county limitations, political entanglements or petty disputes between rival detective forces, but who will be of one mind and determination to establish the truth and to bring the guilty to speedy justice.

Very truly yours,

TIMOTHY NEWELL PFEIFFER.